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Governor Jan Brewer Announces New GITA Director

PHOENIX – Governor Jan Brewer today named Aaron Sandeen as the new Director of the Government Information Technology Agency (GITA). Mr. Sandeen will take over for Chad Kirkpatrick, who has submitted his resignation from the agency.

“During his tenure with the State of Arizona, Aaron has proved himself to be a tremendously capable and intelligent individual,” said Governor Brewer. “He is widely respected by his colleagues for his broad range of knowledge in the field of technology, and has excellent managerial skills.”

Mr. Sandeen’s day-to-day duties as Director will include strategic planning and coordination of all state information technology, IT project review and monitoring and maintenance of e-government.

Mr. Sandeen has served as Deputy Director and CIO for GITA since January. Prior to his appointment, he was Deputy Director of the Governor’s Office of Economic Recovery (GOER), where he was responsible for implementing a program to oversee and manage more than \$3 billion dollars coming into the State of Arizona via the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). In addition to his role with GOER, Mr. Sandeen in June 2010 was appointed State Health Information Technology Coordinator for the Health Information Exchange (HIE) grant.

Before joining state government, Mr. Sandeen worked with UnitedHealth Group as Director of the Project Management Office. In this role, he was tasked with project management and implementation of the Arizona Children’s Rehabilitative Services (CRS) Program for AmeriChoice APIPA. He also led the implementation for the new CRS line of business that included more than 20,000 members and 2,700 providers.

Mr. Sandeen’s other private sector employment experience includes time with Syntellect, Intel and Microsoft. He received his Bachelor of Science in Business Operations from DeVry University.

Mr. Kirkpatrick’s resignation from GITA is effective Tuesday so that he may pursue other business ventures.

“I would like to thank Chad for his dedication and exemplary service to the State of Arizona,” said Governor Brewer. “I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.”

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